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6 P.M. Old Depot in Heber City, Utah

Project: Several of "Save Heber Creeper" Committee assigned to Clean up the old R.R. station.

Those present:

Lowe Ashton ✓

Leon Ritchie

R.Raymond Green M.D.

What was done:

Washed out the south room of the Station & swept it out

Chopped out all weeds in front of the Station and raked them together and Duane Smith hauled em off.

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## Heber Businessmen to Ask For Scenic Railway Rights

A definite commitment to ask the State Road Commission for property to operate a scenic railway climaxed a meeting of Heber City businessmen Tuesday evening.

Earlier in the day, 14 prominent individuals and press boarded a switch engine for a scenic tour of the proposed railway route from Heber City to the Deer Creek Dam.

The group proposes to operate a railroad museum, and a scenic steam locomotive train over a route from Heber City to Wildwood in Provo Canyon as a tourist attraction.

The State Road Commission has other plans for the property at a later date, and are letting bids on the railroad trackage in Provo Canyon Sept. 23. The commission has given the group two weeks to come up with a feasible plan which they feel they can accept.

The Wasatch Mountain Railway members contend they are entitled to have use of property the state doesn't really need at this time, when the use

will not devalue the property.

Ed McLaughlin, spokesman for the Wasatch Mountain Railway group, stated, "It would be a sad situation to lose the potential of this tourist attraction, when we have everything we need to operate on a trial basis to prove this could be a tremendous success. What we want is a chance to prove we can do it."

The proposed railway would be owned by individuals, and not Wasatch County or Heber City, therefore, no tax money or state money would be involved.

Mr. McLaughlin compared the Wasatch Mountain Railway to the one in Silverton, Colorado where thousands of tourists go out of their way to ride the railway located there. "The location of a railway in Heber City, could not fail as the town is on the way to everywhere. The success of the plan is dependent upon selling those individuals in authority to postpone the decisions on the right of way in Provo Canyon," he stated.